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The Honorable Janet Napolitano Governor of Arizona Phoenix, AR 85007

Dear Governor Napolitano:

On behalf of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and its Federal partners, I am pleased to confirm acceptance of Arizona's application for *Methamphetamine: The National Summit to Promote Public Health*, *Partnerships, and Safety for Critically Affected Populations*. Arizona's State Action Team was selected to join nineteen other State/Territory-level Action Teams from an impressive applicant pool. Arizona's Action Team, lead by Dr. Kim O'Connor, will convene on November 16-19, 2008 in Washington, DC.

Dr. O'Connor and all members of Arizona's Action Team will be contacted by a representative of DB Consulting Group, Inc. to coordinate team registration, travel and lodging accommodations. An orientation conference call for Action Team leaders is also planned prior to the start of *The National Summit*.

Action Teams will work together to develop Action Plans that incorporate evidence-based and culturally appropriate practices and policies to respond to methamphetamine use among justice-involved individuals; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals; and women. In addition to the opportunity for State/Territory-level peer consultation, Action Teams will confer with national experts, resource consultants, and Federal agency representatives to aid Action Plan development at *The National Summit*.

To reiterate, *The Summit* goals are to:

- Synthesize local successes, move states to action and promote the development of national strategies that participants can use to strengthen and expand existing efforts back home.
- Identify culturally and linguistically appropriate and relevant products that reflect promising areas of research and evidence-based practices in prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery management in order to assist communities in their response to Methamphetamine use in critically affected populations.
- Forge collaborations across Federal, State, Local and Tribal government agencies and with community partners, and establish a mechanism for the creation of collaborative plans with all Federal Co-Sponsors partners similar to that currently existing between SAMHSA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In closing, I thank you for your commitment to examining and enhancing the services provided to critical populations affected by methamphetamine. Arizona's active participation in *The National Summit* will strengthen the safety net that supports this important population. If you need additional information, please contact Dr. Edwin Craft on (240) 276-1571 or ed.craft@samhsa.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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